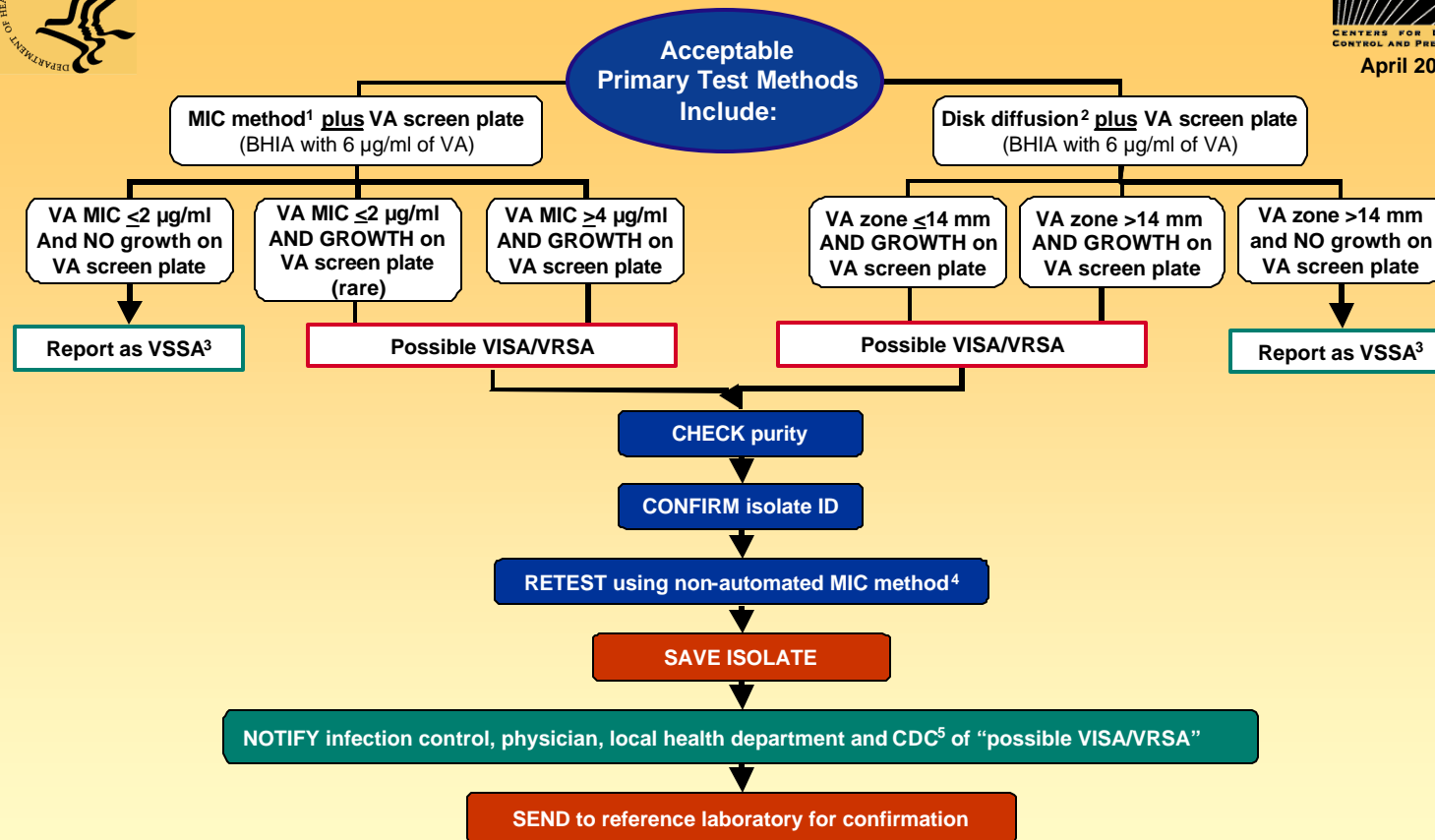




Algorithm for Testing *S. aureus* with Vancomycin (VA)



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Important Footnotes

¹Laboratories using automated susceptibility test methods should add a commercial vancomycin agar screen plate.

²Disk diffusion alone is not sufficient to detect VISA.

³If a laboratory is concerned about a result based on a patient's history, MIC testing can be performed at CDC.

⁴Non-automated methods: reference broth microdilution, agar dilution, agar gradient diffusion (Etest; use a 0.5 McFarland inoculum and Mueller-Hinton agar).

⁵Report to CDC by email: SEARCH@cdc.gov

More VISA/VRSA info: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/vanco/vanco.htm